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2 knots of yarn a day. It means a worker gets only twelve annas a day. As it is not sufficient to maintain a family, will the Government consider ways and means to improve their conditions?"

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO:—"I can only say that the Government feel that six annas per knot is better than nothing."

2·40 p.m. SRI P. VENKATASWAMI REDDI:—"Will the Hon. Minister be pleased to state whether the weavers who are not members of co-operative societies are eligible for loans, and also whether the weavers will be permitted to form separate co-operative societies in places where the existing societies are not willing to undertake the Ryan Scheme?"

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO:—"Yes, Sir; new societies can be formed under such circumstances; but loans cannot be given to those who are not members of the societies."

SRI P. VENKATASUBBIAH:—"May I know what the Ryan Scheme exactly is and if it is going to be implemented in the Cuddapah district?"

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO:—"I think it is for the whole State, Sir."

SRI T. C. NARAYANA NAMBIAR:—"If the Government really want the scheme to embrace the whole of the State, in view of the fact that special conditions are prevalent in Malabar and the vast majority, about 99 per cent of the weavers, have not taken shares or have not become members of societies, will the Government be pleased to conduct an enquiry why this has happened and will they take steps to see that the workers, who number about half a lakh there, are saved from unemployment?"

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO:—"Sir, the hon. Member is aware that it was brought to the notice of this House that the Ryan Scheme may not work in Malabar owing to the fact that many of the workers work in factories and do not have looms of their own; therefore, in regard to Malabar, the Collector was asked to submit a special scheme whereby yarn was given to the factory workers and an amicable settlement was arrived at between the factory workers and the labourers, and I think my friend Mr. Nambiyar also was aware of it and was instrumental in bringing about that happy settlement."

Construction of a dam across the river Sankaraparani in Gingee taluk.

* 347 *Q.*—SRI K. ARANGANATHAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) what happened to the proposal to construct a dam across the river Sankaraparani near Sevalapurai village, Gingee taluk, South Arcot district; and

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(*b*) the stage at which the construction of Varaganathi Reservoir in Gingee taluk, South Arcot district, stands?

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—" (*a*) The proposal was examined by Government in 1950 and deferred till the quantity that could be impounded in the proposed reservoir had been determined. The flow in the river is now being gauged to assess the availability of supply.

" (*b*) The proposal referred to in this clause is the same as the proposal referred to in clause (*a*), as the Varahanadhi is also called ' Sankaraparani '."

SRI K. ARANGANATHAN :—" May I know, Sir, the remarks of the Executive Engineer of South Arcot and the estimated cost of the said tank and the reservoir and will the Government speed up the work, considering its urgency? "

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—" The estimated cost is Rs. 4,26,300 for works. I may also tell the hon. Member that the cost of the scheme has gone up to Rs. 5,57,208. The Board of Revenue considered that the cost of the scheme is too high, and therefore this scheme has been deferred for the present."

SRI V. GOPALA GOUNDER :—" Sir, the Hon. Minister said that both the clauses (*a*) and (*b*) of the question refer to the construction of the same dam. May I draw his attention to the fact that one is for the construction of the Varahanadhi reservoir and the other is for the dam? So far as the Varahanadhi reservoir is concerned, may I know from the Hon. Minister whether any petition was received from the villagers affected, that the reservoir should not be constructed in that site? "

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—" A separate question may be put, Sir."

Alleged sale of lands by the Zamindar of Devarakota Estate, Divi taluk.

* 348 *Q.*—SRI CHANDRA RAMALINGAIAH : Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any representations have been made to Government that the Zamindar of Devarakota Estate, Divi taluk, Krishna district, is cutting trees, clearing ' Rellu ' grass from lanka lands, and selling those lanka lands to ryots of adjoining villages while those lanka lands are in dispute; and

(*b*) if so, what action the Government have taken?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" (*a*) Yes.

" (*b*) Such representations were made to the Government in 1949. The Government had the matter investigated in detail by the Collector. The zamindar has claimed that the lanka lands were his private and home-farm lands. The question whether the zamindar is entitled to ryotwari patta in respect